

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 5-7 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been cancelled from the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato, et al. (US 6,392,980) in view of Furukawa, et al. (U.S. 6,243,346). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to include the allowance limitations of now-cancelled claim 4. Accordingly, claims 3 and 5, as well as dependent claim 6, should not be in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claim 7 is allowed and claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have cancelled claim 4 and its allowable limitations have been added to claims 3 and 5. Therefore, claims 3 and 5-7 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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